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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJECT: SOVIET INTEREST IN BABY FOOD PRODUCTION

1. US-USSR AGREEMENTS SECRETARIAT AT USDA HAS HAD SEVERAL CALLS FROM INDUSTRY REGARDING SOVIET INTEREST IN OBTAINING TECHNOLOGY FOR PRODUCTION OF PREPARED BABY FOODS. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO REPRESENTATIVES OF GERBERS VISITED MOSCOW AT INVITATION OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. THEIR CONTACT IN MOSCOW WAS A MR. BERDENNIKOV, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS. SOVIETS SEEMED INTERESTED AND TOLD GERBER INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT FRANK MEYERS THAT THEY WANTED TO SEND TEAM OF TWELVE TO US FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AND ORIENTATION ON APPLICABLE TECHNOLOGY.

2. A MR. DEGRAMONT OF SOFRCP, A FRENCH FIRM (WITH BANK OF AMERICA PARTICIPATION), WHICH HAS OFFICES IN MOSCOW, HAS INFORMED GERBERS SOVIETS WISH TO SEND TEAM UNDER US-USSR AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION THIS FALL. USDA HAS NO UNCLASSIFIED

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KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH A PROJECT UNDER THE AGREEMENT AND SUSPECTS

THIS IS MISUNDERSTANDING ON PART OF SOFRCP.

3. GERBERS PREPARED TO RECEIVE SOVIETS AS COMMERCIAL VISITORS AND PROVIDE RESPONSIVE PROGRAM COORDINATED WITH CONTINENTAL CAN, FMC AND OWENS GLASS. HOWEVER, GERBERS MUST HAVE FULL INFORMATION ON SOVIET TEAM WITHIN NEXT WEEK OR TWO OR THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE SOVIETS UNTIL AFTER JAN. 1. SOFRCP COMMUNICATION IMPLIED GERBERS WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PAY SOVIETS' EXPENSES IN US. WE DOUBT THAT THIS IS SOVIET INTENT AND GERBERS, OF COURSE, WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE PREPARED TO MAKE SUCH A SIZEABLE FRONT END EXPENDITURE FOR TENUOUS POTENTIAL SALE. GERBERS IS WILLING, OF COURSE, TO BE GOOD HOST AND PROVIDE NORMAL COURTESIES.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK CLARIFICATION OF SOVIET INTENTIONS AND INFORM USDA AND COMMERCE. KISSINGER

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